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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **College re-opening for all students: September 2020 – update, 28<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Guidance on school re-opening for parents from the government**

The government has updated its guidance for parents, and you can find the latest advice and information here:

[www.gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

In addition, we are adding government leaflets and videos giving additional advice and guidance to the September re-opening page. Please check this page regularly for updates.

<https://www.nortoncollege.net/september2020>

#### **Risk assessment**

As discussed in previous updates, the college has produced a comprehensive risk assessment for re-opening in September. This is a working document and will be reviewed and updated in the light of experience, and any revised local authority and government guidance. You will find the risk assessment on the September re-opening page of the website:

<https://www.nortoncollege.net/september2020>

We shall continue to examine our systems and procedures to make college as safe as possible for everyone. Once term begins, we shall review the risk assessment weekly, and make changes as necessary. If you have any questions or suggestions, then do please contact us through the admin email address at the head of this letter.

#### **Uniform and mobile phone policies**

If you have not already done so, please check my previous letters, that you can find on the September re-opening page linked above, so that you and your child are fully aware of our policies with regard to both uniform and mobile phones. In short, students are expected to wear full uniform once college re-opens, and mobile phones must be turned off and kept in bags at all times during the school day, including during social times (breaks and lunchtimes).

#### **Home to School Transport**

We await specific guidance from NYCC in relation to how they expect the home to school transport to operate. We are in the process of creating seating plans for all routes and we will communicate additional information once we have this available.

At the time writing, it would seem that all students must wear face coverings on home to school transport, whether public transport or our own buses. We shall issue further guidance on this before the start of term. We anticipate that the local authority will recommend that secondary school children wear face coverings. For our private contracts we will follow this recommendation, too. If your child is using disposable masks, then these will need to be disposed of as they disembark the bus, and a bin will be



provided for this purpose. If your child has a reusable face covering/mask, then for health reasons these will need to be stored during the day in a sealed bag and placed inside their school bag.

### **Catering - Lunches**

#### Pre-ordering App

A new app, the Fusion Mobile App, will be introduced from September to allow students to order food from the canteen that will be delivered to their zones at lunchtimes. The system, and its links to the cashless catering system, is currently being configured. You will receive a separate letter in the post with instructions on how to download the app and register. Please note that as students will not be able to use mobile phones in college, they will need to order food before they arrive in school. Should students forget to do this, we shall ensure that we have systems in place to enable last minute ordering, and students should speak to a member of staff about this.

#### Packed lunches reminder

Other than those entitled to Free School Meals, we are asking parents to send their children with packed lunches during the week commencing 7th September, 2020, wherever possible. Once the pre-ordering system is fully rolled out, we will be able to offer an increased service from 14th September 2020.

### **Parental FAQs**

Thank you to those of you who have contacted college during the holidays with questions about how the re-opening will work. We have collated your queries and we shall publish these, together with answers, as a 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) section of the website next week.

### **Safeguarding**

We are very aware that the school closure will have had a significant impact on many children and families in a variety of ways. If there is significant information of which you think we need to be aware, please make contact with Mrs Barber, our safeguarding lead, who will be in College on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and available on extension number 0223. For general well-being information, pastoral staff will be available from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their support over the last few months, and to wish all our students and staff the very best wishes for the term ahead as we return to college for a new term.

I would especially like to welcome our new students into year 7. We are looking forward to meeting you on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, you may want to have a look again at the transition materials and information on the college website, at:

<https://www.nortoncollege.net/year6transition>

Yours faithfully,

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